

ARTS COMMISSION
(Statutory)

CREATING AUTHORITY: Adopted on September 30, 1987 by Ordinance No. 1987-39.

MEMBERS: Consist of nine members. The mayor, with advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint the commission members and the commission chairperson.

QUALIFICATIONS: All members of the commission shall reside in the County of Santa Fe and shall be actively involved in the arts. Members of the Commission shall be broadly representative of all fields of the fine and performing arts. They shall include knowledgeable lay persons and persons who are widely known for their professional competence and experience in the arts. It is recommended that the following disciplines and activities be represented on the commission: the performing arts, the visual arts, the communication arts, arts education, the literary arts, the OTAB, private sector development, citizens-at-large, and persons with fundraising expertise.

TERMS: On the first commission, four (4) of the members shall be appointed for one-year terms and five (5) shall be appointed for two-year terms. Subsequent terms shall be for two years to maintain staggering of terms. All terms expire in October.

VACANCIES: Other than by expiration of terms, shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

REMOVAL: After three consecutive unexcused absences a commission member shall be automatically removed thereof by the chairman.

MEETING TIMES: 2nd Monday of the month, 4:00 p.m.

STAFF LIAISON: Debra Garcia, Arts Commission Director
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POWER AND DUTIES:

The commission shall be advisory to the governing body and shall initiate, sponsor or conduct, alone or in cooperation with other public or private agencies, public programs to further the development and public awareness of, and interest in the fine and performing arts and culture properties. The commission shall organize and adopt administrative rules and procedures necessary to accomplish its purposes.

In carrying out its duties and powers, the commission shall: survey and assess the needs of the arts, both visual and performing within the City of Santa Fe; identify existing legislation, policies and programs which affect the arts and evaluate their effectiveness; encourage the use of local resources for the development and support of the arts; accept offers or gifts or grants for the United States, the State of New Mexico, their agencies or officers including without limitations the National Endowment of the Arts; and from any person, firm or corporation of services, equipment, supplies, materials for funds, and may make grants in accordance with the law; advise the City concerning the receipt of or purchase of works of art to be placed on municipal property; advise and assist the City and the occupancy tax advisory board in connection with the administration of those occupancy tax revenues which are designated for the non-profit performing arts and attractions; utilize the services of the executive director and such other staff as are available to said commission; advise and assist the City in connection with such other artistic activities as may be referred to it by the City.

The commission shall formulate and submit annually, a budget request and a proposal for utilization of its funds.